

VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting of Monday, September 8, 2014

Present: Jeff Slade, Bonnie Hull, Rev. Gregg Wood. Absent: Paul Ross, Jeff Rubin.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Slade at 5:12 p.m. In the absence of the chairman, it was agreed that Mr. Slade should chair the meeting and Rev. Wood would be secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the meeting of August 11 were circulated and approved.

There was discussion of the D&H Canal Ticket Office. Repairs that the Village Board agreed to have not been done. Mr. Slade and Rev. Wood offered to meet with Brian Schug in an effort to move the work forward.

Consolidation of the Commissions. Two issues have emerged which may require some attention in the code(s) which govern the new commission.

One is notification. There seems to be no clear purpose served by the notice that is, at present, required to be given to adjacent property owners when landmarking is under consideration. Landmarking does not alter the subject property – it keeps it the same. Consequently it does not affect adjacent properties one way or another. Also, the requirement to notify by certified mail is expensive and unduly burdensome.

The other is documentation. At present there is no requirement that there be photographs or other documentation of the initial condition of a property when it is landmarked. If and when there are applications for alterations, or when it is suspected that a landmarked property may have been altered without commission approval, it would be crucial to have such documentation on file. It would be the duty of the Building Inspector, as enforcement officer, to maintain such documentation.

After discussion, Mr. Slade offered to contact Julian Adams of SHPO for advice on these issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg D. Wood, *Sec'y pro tem*